Hugs Catalogue

For eleven players

Pilar Miralles

Spring 2021

Composed for Zagros ensemble

HUGS CATALOGUE

Instrumentation:

Flute

Oboe / English horn

Bass clarinet in B flat

Bassoon

Percussion (one player): bass drum, two tom-toms, wooden box

Note for percussion: the wooden box should be a closed and solid medium-size box made out of wood or chipboard, producing a relatively low and deep sound. It is possible to use a percussion instrument such as a low log drum or slit drum. The mallet for this instrument should be chosen in a way that it produces the lowest and most round sound.

Piano: it should be treated almost as a soloist. The lid should be fully open.

Violin I

Violin II

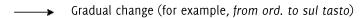
Viola

Violoncello

Double bass

Total roughly duration: 11' 20"

Performance indications



Ord. Ordinario / normale

Dotted slurs are used for discontinuous sounds, such as percussion rolls



Cluster chord with the palm of the hand

l.h. Left hand

l.v. Laissez vibrer / let it vibrate

Pizzicato Bartók

Harsh slap tongue (bass clarinet)

Bow overpressure (violoncello)

short pause (1'' – 2'') \bigcirc medium pause (2'' – 3'') \bigcirc grand pause (3'' – 4'')

In memoriam Galina Ustvolskaya...

THE WOODEN BOX

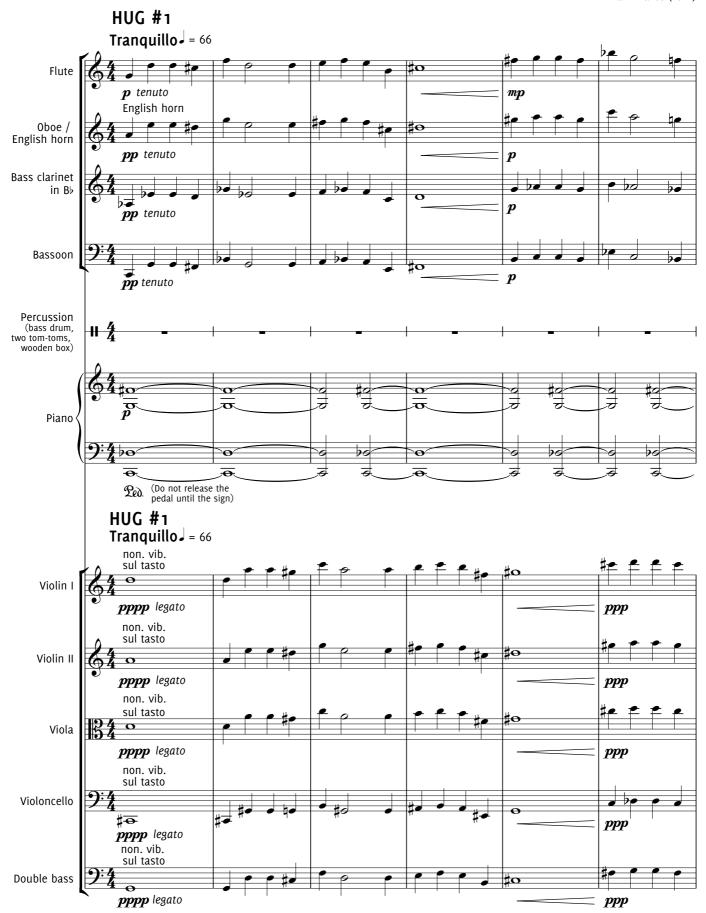
The inspiration for using the wooden box as part of the percussion setup of *Hugs Catalogue* came across while listening to one of my foremost references, the Soviet composer Galina Ustvolskaya (1919-2006), who used a similar instrument in her *Composition no. 2, "Dies Irae"*.

Ustvolskaya mainly focused on the development of her individual and unique spiritual insight, which is the conceptual point of departure of this piece. Therefore, the entrances of the wooden box throughout the work have to faced up in a special mood and with a certain attitude. The wooden box separates the sections of the piece in a ritualistic manner and bringing about a heavy and intense tension and atmosphere, governed by silence and sobriety, and maintained by the behavior of the performers.

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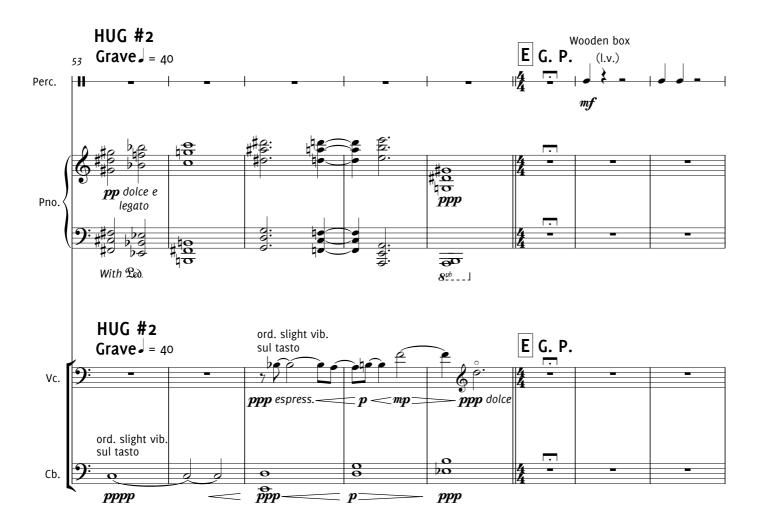


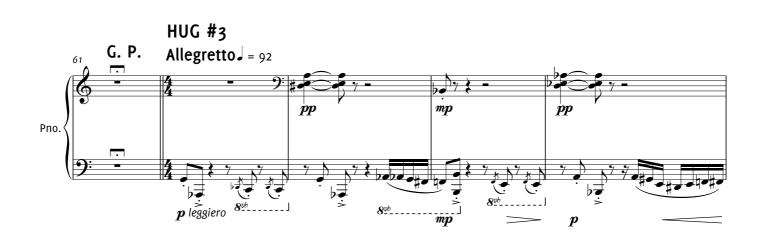






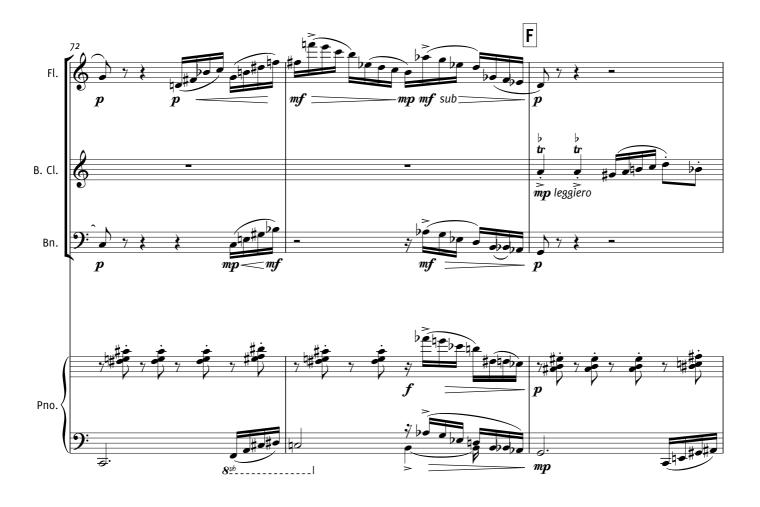
























































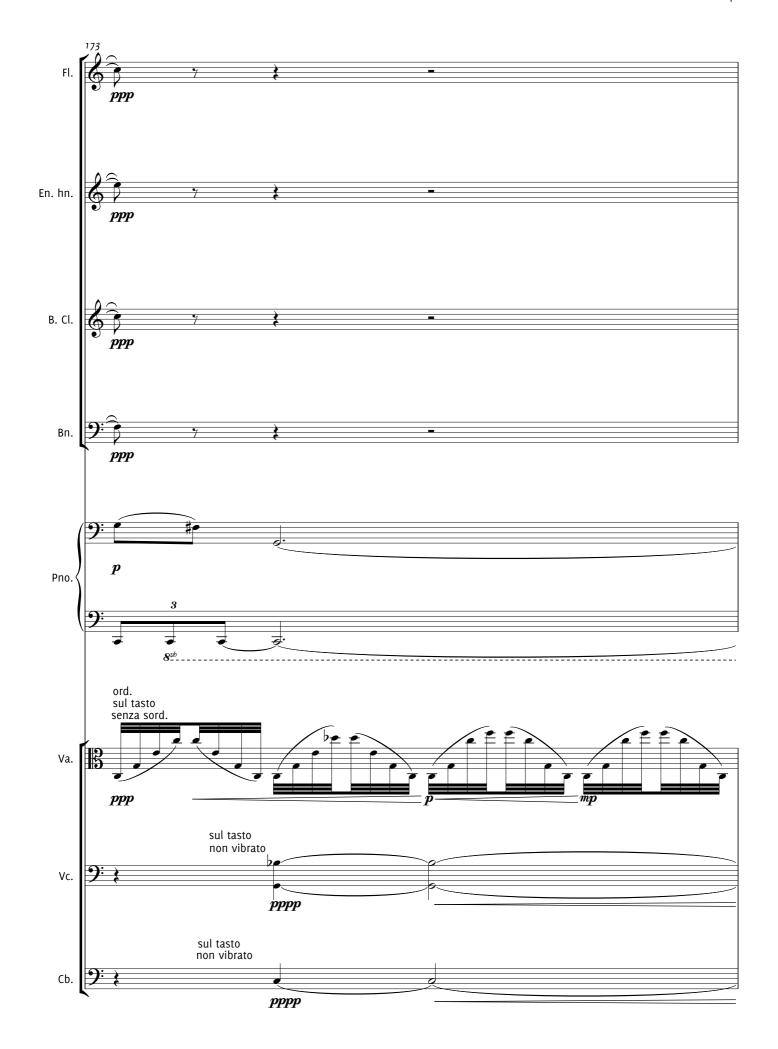


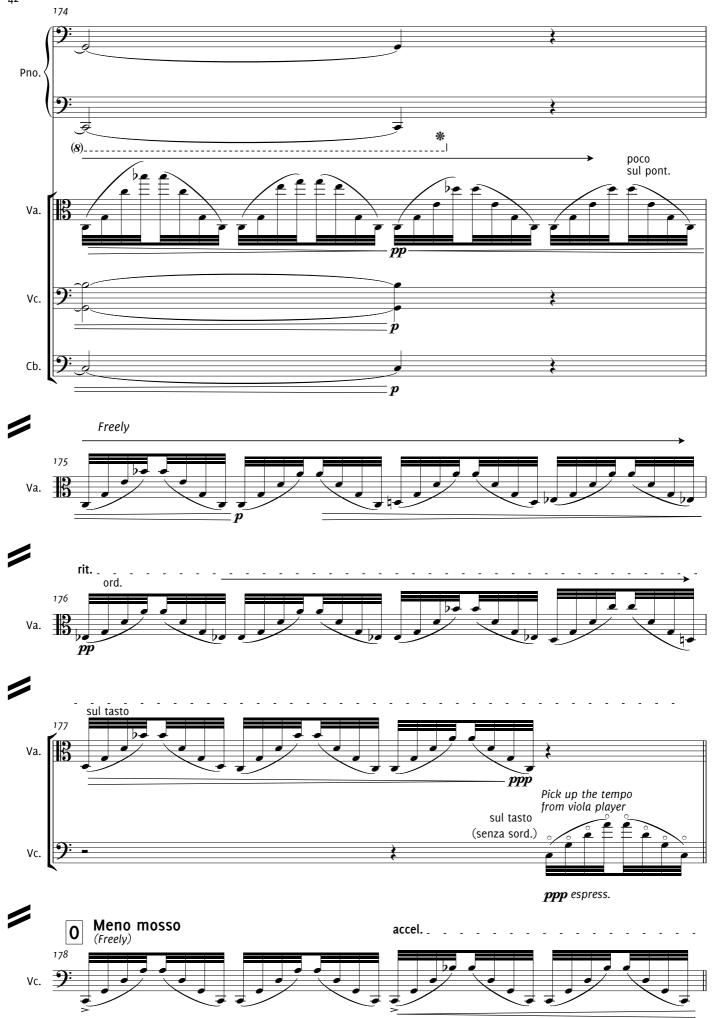


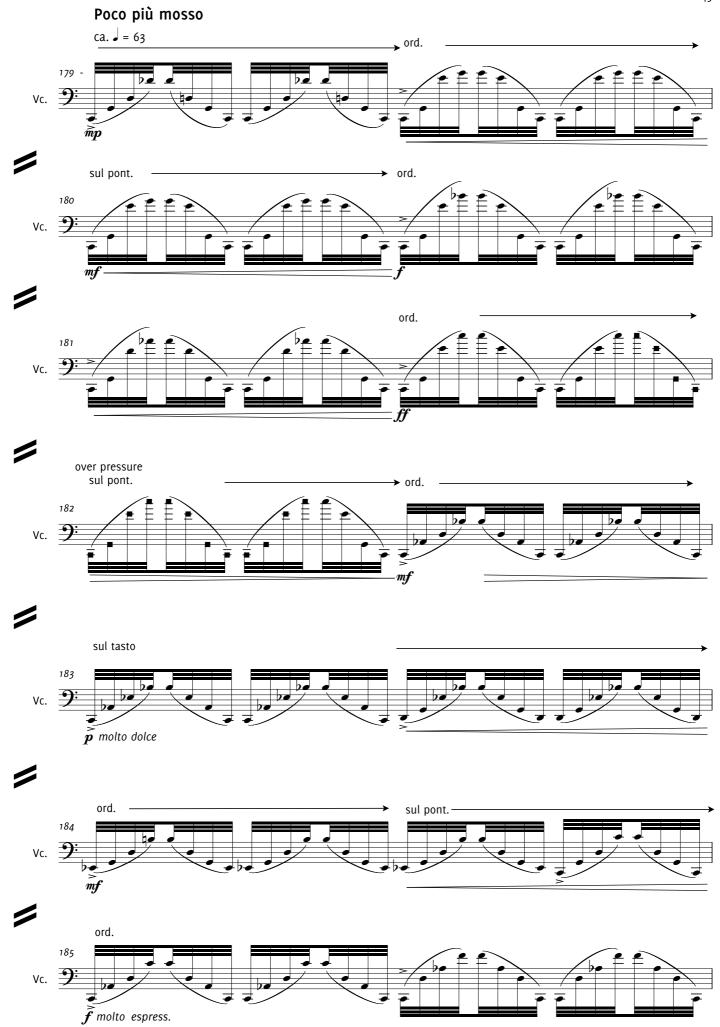


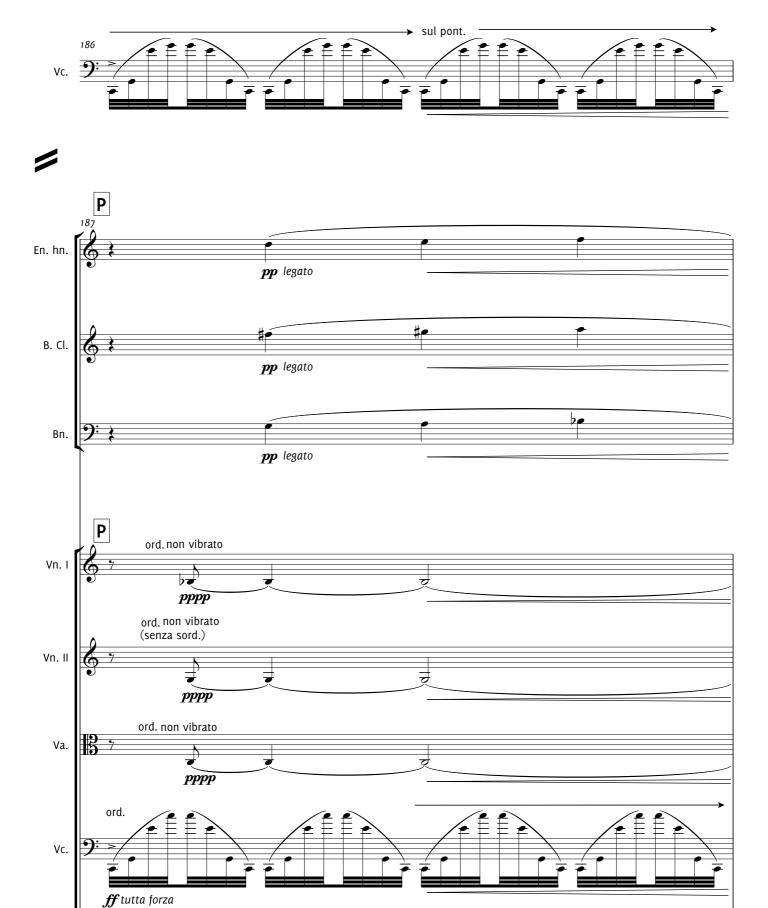












ord. non vibrato (senza sord.)

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Cb.

